

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 28, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Fuller of So. Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Field Trials for Retrieving Dogs.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 127, § 3, amended.** The last sentence of section 3 of chapter 127 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Nothing in this section prohibits the shooting of wild game in its wild state or the shooting of birds at field trials under the supervision of the department of inland fisheries and game in accordance with the provisions of section 130 of chapter 33.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 33, § 130, additional.** Chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 130, to read as follows :

'**Sec. 130. Field trials for retrieving dogs.** Upon application of any incorporated or unincorporated club or organization having in its membership 25 or more members who are citizens who have been residents of the state for at least 6 months immediately prior to making application and the payment of a fee of \$5, the department may at its discretion issue a license to such club or organization to hold at the time and place stated in such license a field trial for retrieving dogs for the purpose of demonstrating the skill of such dogs in retrieving dead or wounded game birds. A separate application shall be filed for each field trial proposed to be held

by any such club or organization. Such license when issued shall authorize members of the licensee to shoot and kill with firearms, under supervision of a representative of the department, game birds propagated or legally acquired by members of the licensee and released by members of the licensee at the field trial held at the time and place specified in such license but only during daylight hours and only with the consent of the owner of or person having legal control of the land on which such field trial is held. Before any game bird so shot is consumed or removed from the premises, a representative of the department shall attach a tag thereto. Such tag shall be furnished by the department for a reasonable fee and shall remain attached to the bird until the same is prepared for consumption. Licensees shall pay the department for the services of its representative at such field trials at the rate of \$10 per day. Persons participating in any such field trial pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not be required to have hunting licenses. Game birds so released or shot pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not be deemed to be wild birds.'